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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions

be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To

ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of

the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr.

David Victor on 06/07/06.

Please amend claims 2-5, 8, 12, 14-16, 20, 24, 26-29, 32, and 36 to change the

dependency from one of the canceled independent claims 1, 13, and 25 to allowable independent

claims 1, 23, and 35.

Please amend claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, and 36 to remove language that is

already found in the allowable base claims 11, 23, and 35, corrected the dependency of claims 5

and 29 to depend from claims 4 and 28, made a punctuation correction to claim 23, and amended

claims 4, 16, and 28 to clarify that the "service class implementation" is a workflow service class

implementation. Applicants further canceled claims 37-39 because they include redundant

limitations with respect to the pending base claims 11, 23, and 35.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 11, wherein the calling entity

comprises an application program.

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- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 11, wherein the calling entity issues the request from a client and wherein the request is received on a server including the workflow engine.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 11, wherein the workflow engine is one of a plurality of workflow engines enabling access to workflow resource objects, wherein the request for the workflow resource objects from the calling entity comprises a method that is a member of a workflow service class implementation of the workflow engine, wherein each workflow engine provides one service class implementation of methods and objects from a same abstract service class implementing the operations of receiving the request, generating the request to the workflow engine, generating the collection object, and returning the generated collection object.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 4, wherein the workflow engine and other service engines comprise workflow products from different vendors.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the workflow service class implementations from different vendors each include methods and objects from a same abstract workflow service class specifying methods and objects to include in all workflow service class implementations.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 11, wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class, further comprising:

receiving a retrieve method in the collection object class from the calling entity requesting the workflow resource object represented by one selected metadata element in the collection object;

generating an additional request to the workflow engine for the workflow resource object requested in the retrieve method;

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receiving the requested workflow resource object from the workflow engine; and returning the requested workflow resource object to the calling entity invoking the retrieve method.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the calling entity uses methods from the collection object class to access the collection object.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the generated additional request to the workflow engine is in a service class implemented by the workflow engine including methods and objects to access the workflow engine.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A method for enabling access to workflow resource objects in a plurality of workflow engines, comprising:

receiving a request, from a calling entity, for workflow resource objects of a specified type in a specified workflow engine, wherein the specified type of the requested resource objects comprises at least one of workflow objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the specified workflow engine, wherein the workflow engine is one of a plurality of workflow engines enabling access to workflow resource objects, and wherein each workflow engine provides one collection object class implementation of methods from a same abstract collection object class used to instantiate and manipulate a collection object including metadata on workflow resource objects available at the workflow engine;

generating a request to the workflow engine for information on available workflow resource objects of the specified type;

in response to receiving the information from the workflow engine, generating a collection object using methods from the collection object class for the workflow engine from which the information was returned including one metadata element for each workflow resource object of the specified type in the workflow engine, and

returning the generated collection object to the calling entity.

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12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 11, wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class and wherein the request for the workflow resource object from the calling entity is in a service class implemented by the workflow engine that includes methods and objects to access the workflow engine.

13. (Canceled)

- 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[13]] <u>23</u>, wherein the calling entity comprises an application program.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[13]] <u>23</u>, wherein the calling entity comprises a client and wherein the means for receiving the request comprises a server including the workflow engine.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[13]] 23, wherein the workflow engine is one of a plurality of workflow engines enabling access to workflow resource objects, wherein the means for requesting the resource objects from the calling entity uses a method that is a member of a workflow service class implementation of the workflow engine, wherein each workflow engine provides one service class implementation of methods and objects from a same abstract service class implementing the means for receiving the request, generating the request to the workflow engine, generating the collection object, and returning the generated collection object.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the workflow engine and other service engines comprise workflow products from different vendors.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the workflow service class implementations from different vendors each include methods and objects from a same abstract workflow service class specifying methods and objects to include in all workflow service class implementations.

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19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[13]] <u>23</u>, wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class, further comprising:

means for receiving a retrieve method in the collection object class from the calling entity requesting the resource object represented by one selected metadata element in the collection object;

means for generating an additional request to the workflow engine for the resource object requested in the retrieve method;

means for receiving the requested resource object from the workflow engine; and means for returning the requested resource object to the calling entity invoking the retrieve method.

- 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the calling entity uses methods from the collection object class to access the collection object.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the means for generating the additional request to the workflow engine comprises a method in a service class implemented by the workflow engine including methods and objects to access the workflow engine.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A system for enabling access to workflow resource objects, comprising:

a plurality of workflow engines enabling access to workflow resources, wherein each workflow engine provides one collection object class implementation of methods from a same abstract collection object class used to instantiate and manipulate a collection object including metadata on resource objects available at the workflow engine[[.]];

means for receiving a request, from a calling entity, for workflow resource objects of a specified type in a specified workflow engine, wherein the specified type of the requested

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resource objects comprises at least one of workflow objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the specified workflow engine;

means for generating a request to the specified workflow engine for information on available workflow resource objects of the specified type;

means for generating a collection object using methods from the collection object class for the specified workflow engine, wherein the generated collection object includes one metadata element for each resource object of the specified type in the specified workflow engine in response to receiving the information from the specified workflow engine; and

means for returning the generated collection object to the calling entity.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[13]] 23, wherein the means for generating the collection object uses methods from a collection object class and wherein the means for requesting the resource object from the calling entity uses methods in a service class implemented by the application engine that includes methods and objects to access the workflow engine.

25. (Canceled)

- 26. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[25]] <u>35</u>, wherein the calling entity comprises an application program.
- 27. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[25]] <u>35</u>, wherein the calling entity issues the request from a client and wherein the request is received on a server including the workflow engine.
- 28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[25]] 35, wherein the workflow engine is one of a plurality of workflow engines enabling access to workflow resource objects, wherein the request for the resource objects from the calling entity comprises a method that is a member of a workflow service class implementation of the workflow engine, wherein each workflow engine provides one service class implementation of methods and

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objects from a same abstract service class implementing the operations of receiving the request, generating the request to the workflow engine, generating the collection object, and returning the generated collection object.

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- 29. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[25]] <u>28</u>, wherein the workflow engine and other service engines comprise workflow products from different vendors.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the workflow service class implementations from different vendors each include methods and objects from a same abstract workflow service class specifying methods and objects to include in all workflow service class implementations.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[25]] <u>35</u>, wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class, further comprising:

receiving a retrieve method in the collection object class from the calling entity requesting the resource object represented by one selected metadata element in the collection object;

generating an additional request to the workflow engine for the workflow resource object requested in the retrieve method;

receiving the requested workflow resource object from the workflow engine; and returning the requested workflow resource object to the calling entity invoking the retrieve method.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the calling entity uses methods from the collection object class to access the collection object.

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34. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 33, wherein the generated additional request to the workflow engine is in a service class implemented by the workflow engine including methods and objects to access the workflow engine.

35. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium including code for enabling access to workflow resource objects in workflow engine by:

receiving a request, from a calling entity, for workflow resource objects of a specified type in the workflow engine, wherein the workflow engine is one of a plurality of workflow engines enabling access to workflow resource objects, wherein each workflow engine provides one collection object class implementation of methods from a same abstract collection object class used to instantiate and manipulate a collection object including metadata on resource objects available at the workflow engine;

generating a request to the workflow engine for information on available workflow resource objects of the specified type, wherein the specified type of the requested resource objects comprises at least one of workflow objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the workflow engine;

in response to receiving the information from the workflow engine, generating a collection object using methods from the collection object class including one metadata element for each workflow resource object of the specified type in the workflow engine; and returning the generated collection object to the calling entity.

- 36. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[25]] <u>35</u>, wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class and wherein the request for the workflow resource object from the calling entity is in a service class implemented by the workflow engine that includes methods and objects to access the workflow engine.
 - 37. (Canceled)
 - 38. (Canceled)
 - 39. (Canceled)

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Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 2-6,8-12,14-18,20-24,26-30, 32-36 will be allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art references most closely resembling the applicants claimed invention are Graylin (U.S. 2003/0033415) and Rajarajan (U.S. 2002/00143949).

First, Graylin discloses object oriented programming principles in general, such as object classes that serve as a template which defines a data structure for holding attributes and program instructions. Each class includes a means for instantiating an object from a class template However Graylin fails to disclose receiving a request for work flow resource objects of a specified type of the requested resource object comprises one of workflow objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the workflow engine. These limitations are incorporated into all of the independent claims (claims 11,23,35).

Second Rajarajan discloses that a configuration manager handles the addition of new resources and communicates with the resources and may configure the resources to allow management of those resources. The configuration manager is a web service for which web service for which web service methods are provided and other managers may use the methods to get information about the resources However Rajararajan fails to disclose "receiving a request for work flow resource objects of a specified type of the requested resource object comprises one of workflow

objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the workflow engine". These limitations are incorporated into all of the independent claims (claims 11,23,35).

In summary, the Examiner submits that neither Graylin, nor Rajarajan teaches all the limitations of independent claims in combination with other elements. Specifically prior art does not teach "receiving a request for work flow resource objects of a specified type of the requested resource object comprises one of workflow objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the workflow engine"; therefore, claims 2-6,8-12,14-18,20-24,26-30, 32-36 have been deemed allowable over the prior art.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571) 272-3885. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

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